GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GAS BASED POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the major consumers of Gas Based Power Plants in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to increase the prices of power generated from gas based power plants in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Union Government has received requests from some State Governments not to increase the price of gas based power which will directly hit the State`s fiscal burden; and

(e) if so, reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : The power generated by gas based power plants under Central Sector issupplied to the States as per their allocated shares and that generated in the State Sector, to the respective State Grid. The power from various sources is generally pooled in to the State Grid and supplied to the various categories of consumers in the State.

(b) : No, Sir. The power tariff is regulated by the respective RegulatoryCommissions. However, since the price of gas is a pass through, any increase in gas prices would get reflected in the tariffs.

(c) : Does not arise.

(d) : Requests have been received from some State Governments not toincrease the price of natural gas in the country in view of the resultant additional financial burden on the State Utilities and consumers and also on the fiscal deficit.

(e) : Presently no decision has been taken on the price increase.